

Jacksonville (NAVHOSPJAX), Florida, has been designated a regional Specialized Treatment Services facility (STSF) for total joint replacement. The application for this STSF designation was submitted by NAVHOSPJAX and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent for TRICARE Region 3 will oversee that the STSF maintains the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. This designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

- 209—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Lower Extremity
- 491—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Upper Extremity

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the NAVHOSPJAX STS Catchment Area must be evaluated by NAVHOSPJAX before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for procedures that fall under the above Diagnostic Related Groups, in accordance with TRICARE/CHAMPUS Nonavailability Statement policy. Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for a nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by NAVHOSPJAX in accordance with the provision of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Although evaluation in person is preferred, it is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to NAVHOSPJAX. If the procedures cannot be performed at NAVHOSPJAX, Humana Military Healthcare Services will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement or other similar authorizations. The NAVHOSPJAX STSF Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region 3 that fall within a 200-mile radius South and West of NAVHOSPJAX.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Junior Grade Phillip Garbark, NAVHOSPJAX, (904) 777-7372, or Commander Donald Rosenbaum or Lieutenant Colonel Richard Heekin, (904) 777-7370; or Lt. Col Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 618-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR DOC 93-27050, appearing in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 1993 (Vol. 58, FR 58955-58964), the final rule on the STS Program was published. Included in the final rule was a provision that a notice of all military and civilian STS facilities be published in the **Federal Register** annually. This notice is issued

under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1105 and 32 CFR 199.4(a)(10).

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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center (EAMC), Fort Gordon, Georgia, has been designated a regional Specialized Treatment Services facility (STSF) for Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Surgery, General Surgery, Peripheral Vascular Surgery, and Head and Neck Surgery. The application for this STSF designation was submitted by the Lead Agent for TRICARE Region 3 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent will oversee that the STSF maintains the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. This designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

- 001—Craniotomy, Age Greater than 17, Except for Trauma
- 004—Spinal Procedures
- 049—Major Head and Neck Procedures
- 191—Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures with CC
- 110—Major Cardiovascular Procedures with CC
- 111—Major Cardiovascular Procedures without CC
- 286—Adrenal and Pituitary Procedures
- 209—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Lower Extremity
- 491—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment of Upper Extremity

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the EAMC STS Catchment Area must be evaluated by EAMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for procedures that fall under the above Diagnostic Related Groups, in accordance with TRICARE/CHAMPUS Nonavailability Statement policy. Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for a nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by EAMC in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation.

Although evaluation in person is preferred, it is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to EAMC. If the procedure cannot be performed at EAMC, Humana Military Healthcare Services will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement or other similar authorizations. The EAMC STSF Catchment Area is defined by zip codes in the Defense Medical Information System STS Facilities Catchment Area Directory. The Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region 3 that fall within a 200-mile radius of EAMC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Richard Traugott, EAMC, (706) 787-8288; or Lt. Col. Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and Wilford Hall Medical Center (WHMC), hereinafter referred to as Destination San Antonio, have been designated the Regional Specialized Treatment Service facilities (STSFs) for DRGs 1, 3, 4, 49, 104-107, 110-111, 191, 209, 491, 286, and 357. The application for the STSF designation was submitted by the Lead Agency for TRICARE Region 6 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead